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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 14A

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC.
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

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SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information, as of December 11, 2017, based upon 9,659,919 shares of common stock issued and outstanding, with respect to the beneficial ownership of the outstanding common stock by (i) any holder of more than five (5%) percent; (ii) each of the Company's executive officers and directors; and (iii) the Company's directors and executive officers as a group. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person or a group and the percentage ownership of that person or group, shares of our common stock that the owner has the right to acquire within 60 days after December 11, 2017 are deemed outstanding, but are not deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Except as otherwise indicated, each of the shareholders listed below has sole voting and investment power over the shares beneficially owned and addresses are c/o Riot Blockchain, Inc., 202 6th Street, Suite 401, Castle Rock, CO 80104.

Name and Address	Number of Shares	Percent
Directors:		
John R. O'Rourke (1)	202,555	2.1%
Eric So (2)	937	*
Jason Les (3)	15,937	*
Andrew J. Kaplan(4)	6,583	*
Other Executive Officers:		
Jeffrey G. McGonegal (5)	3,929	*
All Directors and Officers as a Group (5 persons) (6)	229,941	2.4%

* Holds less than 1%

- (1) Includes (i) 11,041 shares of common stock, (ii) 7,293 shares of common stock vested or to be vested pursuant to a restricted stock award of an aggregate of 35,000 shares pursuant to the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2002 Plan") which vest in 24 equal monthly installments over a two year period, beginning on the one month anniversary of February 3, 2017, (iii) 5,417 shares of common stock vested or to be vested pursuant to a restricted stock award of an aggregate of 30,000 shares pursuant to the 2002 Plan which vest in 24 equal monthly installments over a two year period, beginning on the one month anniversary of August 21, 2017, (iv) 12,501 shares of common stock vested or to be vested pursuant to a restricted stock award of an aggregate of 75,000 shares pursuant to the 2017 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2017 Plan") which vest in 24 equal monthly installments over a two year period, beginning on the one month anniversary of September 27, 2017, (v) 43,003 shares of common stock vested or to be vested pursuant to a restricted stock award of an aggregate of 344,000 shares pursuant to the 2017 Plan which vest in 24 equal monthly installments over a two year period, beginning on the one month anniversary of November 3, 2017 and (vi) options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days to purchase an aggregate of 100,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$10.00 per share pursuant to the 2017 Plan. Also includes an aggregate of 23,300 shares held by ATG Capital LLC, for which Mr. O'Rourke is the managing member and sole beneficiary and in such capacity holds voting and dispositive power over the securities held by that entity.
- (2) Includes 937 shares vested or to be vested of common stock pursuant to a restricted stock award of an aggregate of 7,500 shares pursuant to the 2017 Plan which vest in 24 equal monthly installments over a two year period, beginning on the one month anniversary of October 20, 2017.
- (3) Includes (i) 15,000 shares of common stock and (ii) 937 shares of common stock vested or to be vested pursuant to a restricted stock award of an aggregate of 7,500 shares pursuant to the 2017 Plan which vest in 24 equal monthly installments over a two year period, beginning on the one month anniversary of November 3, 2017.
- (4) Includes (i) 2,416 shares of common stock, (ii) 2,500 shares vested or to be vested of common stock pursuant to a restricted stock award of an aggregate of 12,000 shares pursuant to the 2002 Plan which vest in 24 equal monthly installments over a two year period, beginning on the one month anniversary of May 5, 2017 and (iii) 1,667 shares of common stock vested or to be vested pursuant to a restricted stock award of an aggregate of 10,000 shares pursuant to the 2002 Plan which vest in 24 equal monthly installments over a two year period, beginning on the one month anniversary of August 21, 2017.
- (5) Includes (i) 1,009 shares of common stock, (ii) 63 shares of common stock held in Mr. McGonegal's IRA and (iii) 2,857 shares of common stock vested or to be vested pursuant to a restricted stock award of an aggregate of 5,000 shares pursuant to the 2017 Plan which vest in 7 equal monthly installments, beginning on October 31, 2017.
- (6) Includes footnotes (1) through (5).